

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

*Please amend the Abstract as follows:*

A self-propelled power lawn mower is provided with a ~~an improved~~ deck lifting system. The operator can ~~efficiently~~ lift the cutter deck (and optionally the engine deck as well) ~~in an efficient manner~~ by pulling upward/backward on a deck-lifting lever. Moreover, a latch system is provided for permitting ~~enabling~~ the deck to be lowered and/or adjusted ~~in an efficient manner~~.